Federal Law Enforcing Agency

1896. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether government are of the view that there is a need for a federal law enforcing agency to deal with crime that is not restricted by the boundaries of a State and often involves several countries; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) The concept of "federal crimes" and the need for having a Federal Law Enforcement Agency are being examined. The question of bringing about suitable legislation in this regard, if necessary, will be considered at the appropriate time.

Solution to Kashmir Problem

1897. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have found any breakthrough in bringing peace to the Valley after the release of Hurriyat leaders;

(b) if so, the details of the talks held with Hurriyat leaders so far;

(c) whether a peaceful solution to the Kashmir problem has been served with the release of Hurriyat leaders in recent past; and

(d) if not, what would be the future course of action?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (d) Hurriyat Leaders were detained and released on the basis of decisions taken by the State Government. No talks with separatist leaders have been held so far. However, welcoming the initiative taken by Hizbul-Mujahideen for peace, and having taken cognizance of the support extended to the peace initiative by the people of J and